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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

My wife and I are very pleased with the service we have gotten from a local independent Internet Service Provider and I can't imagine why you would even consider letting the larger telecom providers take away the access to the network backbone that makes their operation possible.

Our provider, Sonic Internet, recently upgraded us to fiber optic from our DSL service at the same price. Many of our neighbors in Albany CA have switched to Sonic as well since they started offering this service. In addition Sonic offers us the peace of mind of knowing that they support an open Internet without fast lanes for privileged (Telecom-owned) content. As retirees, we have no interest in bundling expensive cable service with our broadband: Our current service is extremely economical.

We would be impacted in a very negative way if we couldn't get our Internet service from our locally-based and independent provider. Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely,

Jim Beller